



## Inspection Report

Nick Sculac  
Big Cats Of Serenity Springs  
24615 Scott Road  
Calhan, CO 80808

Customer ID: 7673  
Certificate: 84-C-0069  
Site: 001  
NICK SCULAC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: Nov-05-2013

### 2.40 (b) (2) REPEAT

#### ATTENDING VETERINARIAN AND ADEQUATE VETERINARY CARE (DEALERS AND EXHIBITORS).

<< (b) Each dealer or exhibitor shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include:  
(2) The use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries>>

An adult male tiger, "Andy", was noted to be limping on the right hind leg and is in thin body condition, particularly in the back leg muscles. The owner claims this tiger has been that way for a while but no records were made or available for review at the time of the inspection and no contact had been made with a veterinarian to diagnose or treat the condition.

Lameness and abnormal gait may be indications of injury or underlying illness and the tiger needs to be evaluated by a veterinarian by 11/10/2013 to properly diagnose the cause and provide a plan for treating or controlling these conditions.

A second adult tiger, either "Stripes" or "Spangles", was noted to have bilateral whitish streaks on her corneas and a laceration with dried blood on the fur around the left lower corner of her mouth. The staff had not noted either of these conditions for this animal and no contact had been made with a veterinarian to diagnose or treat these conditions.

A third adult tiger, either "Grumpy" or "Shir Khan", was noted to have whitish streaks on at least the left cornea and had a laceration on his left front paw with dried blood on the fur near the 3rd-4th toe. This cat also had an unusual claw on the right hind leg that the owner stated is due to a botched declaw surgery performed prior to the animal arriving at this facility.

This abnormal claw and the laceration should be evaluated by the Attending Veterinarian as both may be causing the animal pain and could become chronic problems.

The type of lesions seen on these cats eyes are consistent with problems seen in other tigers at this facility for which the Attending Veterinarian specifically required additional shade be provided to minimize any discomfort that is typical with exposure to bright sunlight with this condition.

The wallaby, "Winston", has a reddened, raised area with hair loss on the left front paw which he was seen

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to lick repeatedly. The owner stated that a dog bit the animal's paw and there was a note on 10/8/2013 by staff indicating the injury but no further records were made to indicate the veterinarian was contacted, a treatment plan prescribed, and a follow-up plan made to ensure the injury heals.

These animals should be evaluated by a veterinarian by 11/10/2013 with documentation of a diagnosis, appropriate treatment, and plan for follow-up to ensure these problems are resolved.

3.127 (a)

### FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.

<<(a) Shelter from sunlight. When sunlight is likely to cause overheating or discomfort of the animals, sufficient shade by natural or artificial means shall be provided to allow all animals kept outdoors to protect themselves from direct sunlight.>>

At least three enclosures housing tigers (Kasper/Kodiak, Spangles/Stripes, and Grumpy/ShirKhan) did not have adequate shade to protect them from direct sunlight. At least two of these tigers ("Stripes" or "Spangles" and "Grumpy" or "ShirKhan") had noticeable whitish streaks on their corneas. This condition makes these animals more sensitive to direct sunlight and may cause discomfort to the animals. The Attending Veterinarian has specifically required additional shade be provided to any animals with this condition but these enclosures did not have adequate shade.

Shelter from sunlight is required when overheating or discomfort of the animals is likely.

To be corrected by 11/12/2013.

Accompanied on the inspection by the Licensee, AC Personnel, and El Paso County Sheriff's Deputy. Exit interview conducted on site with the licensee.

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